

House Resolution No. 3997

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, William Joshua Nelson will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his Eightieth Birthday on September 4, 2004; and

Whereas, on September 4, 1924, in Parma, Missouri, God brought a special gift to Joseph Willard and Cinthia Ellen Melton Nelson with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of William, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, William Nelson will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as his marriage on February 24, 1945, to Leona Geraldine Kelly (deceased) and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, God has blessed William Nelson with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include his children, Danny Ray Nelson, Billie Jo Nelson (deceased), Thomas Edward Nelson, and Nancy Darlene Nelson-Anderson; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, William Nelson has distinguished himself as a fifty-three-year member of Pipefitters Local Union 562, from which he retired on his sixty-fifth birthday, September 4, 1986; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 80, William Nelson is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to William Nelson at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri Octogenarian William Joshua Nelson, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Michael Spreng
District No. 76

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3997, adopted September 3, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker